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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	10/018,453
	<b>Filing Date</b>	October 30, 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Zabeau <i>et al.</i>
	<b>Art Unit</b>	1645
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Not Yet Assigned
	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	29314/35410A

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 860.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

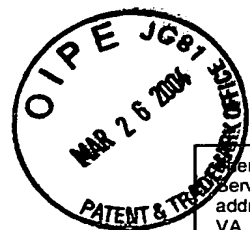
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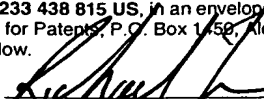
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**Expedited Processing Requested  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
Docket No.: 29314/35410A  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: Marc Zabeau *et al.*

Application No.: 10/018,453

Filed: October 30, 2001

Art Unit: 1637

For: **DIAGNOSTIC SEQUENCING BY A  
COMBINATION OF SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE  
AND MASS SPECTROMETRY**

Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2003**

**MS RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the **final** Office action dated September 29, 2003. A response is due on March 29, 2004, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three-month extension of time to respond. Concurrently herewith, Applicants also are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The fees for the petition and the RCE are attached herewith. No other fees are believed to be due; however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Specification.** There are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.